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SUBJECT: SUCCESSION SQUABBLE IN UNFICYP

1. UNSYG REP OSORIO RAISED WITH ME SMOULDERING ISSUE OF
SUCCESSION TO UNFICYP CHIEF OF STAFF. PRESENT INCUMBENT
IS BRITISH, DUE TO LEAVE NEXT AUGUST. PREDECESSOR HAD BEEN
CANADIAN, ALL EARLIER CHIEFS OF STAFF WERE BRITISH. UNFICYP
COMMANDER PREM CHAND LAST AUTUMN RECOMMENDED DEPUTY CHIEF
BEATTIE (CANADIAN) TO REPLACE, GOT CONCURRENCE OF UNSYG AND
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. BELATEDLY, BRITISH RAISED SERIOUS
OBJECTIONS IN OTTAWA AND NEW YORK, ASKED TO NOMINATE
BRITISH REPLACEMENT. ISSUE TOOK ON UGLIER TURN WHEN THEY
SUGGESTED THEY HAD DEROGATORY INFO CONCERNING BEATTIE'S
PERSONAL LIFE AND DISCRETION.

2. OSORIO INDICATED THAT UNSPECIFIED BRITISH WERE CITING
SOME MEMBER OF USUN STAFF AS HAVING CONFIRMED THEIR
DOUBTS CONCERNING BEATTIE'S QUALIFICATIONS.

3. I ASSURED OSORIO THAT WE HAD NO QUESTIONS AS TO
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BEATTIE'S PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OR PERSONAL LIFE.

WE HAD BEEN AWARE THAT THERE WAS A TUG-OF-WAR, BUT
HAD ASSUMED THIS WAS A STRAIGHT MILITARY/BUREAUCRATIC
EFFORT TO PRESERVE A SLOT FOR A GENERAL OFFICER. WE DID
NOT FEEL IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR USG TO INVOLVE ITSELF
IN A DECISION WE BELIEVED WAS UP TO UNSYG AND UNFICYP.

4. OSORIO THANKED ME FOR ASSURANCE, SAID HE WOULD ASK
CHAND TO PASS IT TO URQUHART, WHOM HE WILL BE SEEING TOMORROW
IN STOCKHOLM. OSORIO ASSUMES CANADIAN ARMY WILL FIGHT FOR
DESIGNATION OF BEATTIE, SAYS THAT DESPITE VAGUE INDICATIONS
THAT BRITISH PARTICIPANTS IN UNFICYP WOULD BE LESS THAN
WHOLLY COOPERATIVE WITH BEATTIE, HE THINKS IT IMPORTANT TO
STAND ON PRINCIPLE, BUT HE WILL PROBABLY SUGGEST BEATTIE APPOINTMENT
FOR ONE YEAR.

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